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UM TO HOST MONTANA SCIENCE FAIR APRIL 11-12

MISSOULA --

Junior high and high school students from around Montana will get the chance to demonstrate their science skills April 11-12 at the 31st annual Montana Science Fair.

At the fair, which will be held at the University of Montana's Harry Adams Field House, high school students in grades nine through 12 will compete for prizes in 13 categories: biochemistry, medicine and health, environmental studies, microbiology, physics, engineering, mathematics, zoology, behavioral and social sciences, earth and space sciences, chemistry, botany and computer science.

Junior high school students in grades seven and eight will compete in physical sciences and biological sciences within their grade levels.

The top boy and girl in the high school category will win gold medals and an expense-paid trip to the International Science and Engineering Fair, held May 11-17 in Fort Worth, Texas.

Top award winners in the seventh- and eighth-grade categories will receive silver and bronze medals.

A silver medal will be awarded for the best exhibit by a high school freshman.

Awards will be presented at a banquet at noon April 12 in the University Center Ballroom.

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Registration forms and science fair information will be mailed to science teachers the first week in January. Applications must be postmarked by midnight April 1.

Certification forms are required for any proposed experiment by a high school student using vertebrates as subjects, in compliance with International Science and Engineering Fair rules. Teachers whose students plan such experiments should contact Charles Eyer, director of the Montana Science Fair, as soon as possible at 243-4621 or 243-4872.

Seventh- and eighth-grade students conducting experiments with vertebrates need no special certification. Science teachers are encouraged to ensure sound judgment and humane treatment of subjects in the experiments.

The Montana Science Fair, sponsored by UM with support from the Missoula Exchange Club, was founded in 1956 by Reuben A. Diettert, professor emeritus of Botany, who was the fair's director for 18 years.

For more information, contact Charles Eyer, School of Pharmacy, University of Montana, Missoula, Mont. 59812, or call 243-4621.

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